

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2621
Application No. 09/809,405
Paper Dated: July 14, 2009
In Reply to USPTO Correspondence of April 14, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 5327-010251

REMARKS

The final Office Action of April 14, 2009, has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. Claim 1 has been amended and claim 8 has been cancelled by way of this Amendment. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 11-19 are currently pending, with claim 1 being in independent form.

Allowable Subject Matter:

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the subject matter of claim 8 is allowable over the prior art of record. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 8, which has been cancelled.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a):

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 11-19 stand rejected under stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for alleged obviousness over European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0254192 to Enkelmann (hereinafter "Enkelmann") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,793,308 to Rosinski et al. (hereinafter "Rosinski").

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 8.

Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is allowable for at least the foregoing reasons, as it has been acknowledged that the prior art of record does not teach or suggest the subject matter of amended claim 1.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 11-19 are dependent upon independent claim 1, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

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Conclusion:

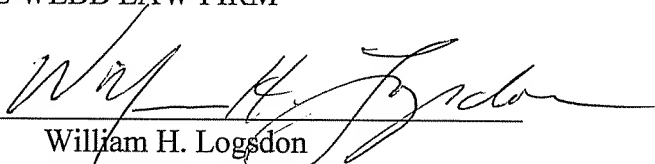
Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments to the claims place the current application in clear condition for allowance as the independent claim has only been amended to incorporate subject matter indicated as being allowable. Entry and consideration of this Amendment After Final Rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-7 and 11-19 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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